

KOREA AS SEEN BY MISSIONARIES

Rev. Mr. Noble Describes Affairs at the Capital.

EXPECTS DECISIVE CONFLICT

List of Stations and Workers Under the Charge of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In view of the present situation in the Far East, with the probability that Korea will be the main field of conflict between the Russian and Japanese land forces, the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is providing for the safety of its missionaries.

The last letter which came to the office of the Missionary Society from Korea was dated Seoul, January 1, and was from the Rev. W. A. Noble, who had made the journey from Pyeongyang and expected soon to return to his station. Mr. Noble wrote as follows, concerning the situation:

"I have been in Seoul nearly two weeks. Having looked over affairs here, am able to make my regular report. On the way down from Pyeongyang I made a trip through considerable of the work on the West District. The general conditions there, as well as elsewhere, are good. However, all our work is much affected by the general disturbed condition of the country. It is difficult to keep the Christian groups out of political questions.

Expect Japanese Troops.

"We are expecting Japanese troops to land in two or three days. They are needed here to keep the Korean soldiers in order. In case war should be declared, the American legation guard is expected to arrive tomorrow. We apprehend no danger after troops arrive, unless it be in the interior.

"American missionaries have been directed by the American authorities not to travel in the interior. I shall have to leave on Monday, however, for Pyeongyang. If there should be trouble or danger from mobs, I shall need to be back in the north. It is said by authorities here that the coming ten days will settle the Eastern question. Before this reaches you the cables will tell you vastly more of our affairs than anyone can tell now. It does not seem at present that Korea will figure at all in any coming military movement. It is said that the Korean King is planning to flee to the Russian legation in case the Japanese troops enter the city. In that event, there seems no doubt that the Japanese will end the dynasty.

Friendly to Russia.

"The government is friendly to Russia, but the mass of people are pro-Japanese. There are no Russian troops in Korea as far as we have any information."

On January 2, the following cable message was sent to the Rev. Stephen A. Beck, at Seoul:

"Write us if there is any immediate danger to persons or property in our

Father Outstrips Son in Race for a Bride

George Vaughn, of Salem, Wins the Girl Who Rumor Said Was Affianced to His Boy Dwight.

SALEM, Mass., Feb. 13.—This city is interested over the announcement of the engagement of Miss Besse Norton Dane, one of the leading society girls of Salem, to George Vaughn, a millionaire widower. Miss Dane is in her twentieth year, while Mr. Vaughn is more than twice her age and is the father of Dwight Vaughn, a schoolmate of the young woman. Everyone supposed that young Vaughn would one day become her husband.

When the young man was graduated from the high school in 1901, he was attentive to Miss Dane, and for two years up to last summer, the neighbors had it all settled that Dwight and his school companion would make a match.

One day last summer the young man's father was introduced to Miss Dane by Dwight, when they were on a yachting trip, and he soon outdid the boy in attentions to her. Last fall Dwight suddenly went abroad, and his father's engagement has just been announced.

Miss Dane is a charming young woman and an active worker in the Congregational Church.

Korean mission. The board recommends caution. No answer to this dispatch was received, which was a favorable indication. The following message was sent by cable February 2:

"The mission is advised to act prudently. Secure the safety of women and children."

Missionaries and Stations. The Methodist Episcopal Church now has thirty-three missionaries in Korea, thirteen of whom are supported by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The following is a complete list of these missionaries with the cities where they make their headquarters:

Chungmu—The Rev. Carl Critchett, of London, Mich.; the Rev. Elmer M. Cable, of Iowa, and Mrs. Myrtle (Elliot) Cable, of Iowa; the Rev. Arthur L. Becker, of Reading, Mich.; the Rev. E. Douglas Follwell, M. D., of New York city, and Mrs. Mary (Harris) Follwell; the Rev. John Z. Moore, of St. Clairsville, Ohio; the Rev. Charles D. Morris, and Mrs. Louise (Ogilvy) Morris; the Rev. W. Arthur Noble, of Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Mattie (Wilcox) Noble.

The Staff at Seoul. Seoul—The Rev. Stephen A. Beck, of Nebraska, and Mrs. Margaret (Johnston) Beck; the Rev. George M. Burdick, of Crown Point, N. Y.; N. D. Chew, of Colorado Springs, Col.; the Rev. William B. McGill, M. D., of Colorado, and Mrs. Elizabeth (Johnson) McGill; the Rev. Robert A. Sharp and Mrs. Alice (Hammond) Sharp; the Rev. Wilbur C. Swearing, of Beaver, Pa.; the Rev. Mary R. Hillman, of New York, and Mrs. Ethel M. Estey, of Waterville, N. B.; Mrs. Rosetta S. Hall, M. D., of Liberty, N. Y.; Mrs. Esther Kim Pak, M. D., of Henrietta, N. Y.; Mrs. Mary M. Cutler, M. D., of Pomoroy, Iowa; Margaret J. Edmunds, of Toledo, Ohio; Emma Ernsberger, M. D., of Cincinnati, Ohio; Lulu E. Frey, of Bellefontaine, Ohio; Minerva Guthrie, of Germantown, Pa.; Ella A. Lewis, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Josephine O. Paine, of Boston, Mass.

The following Methodist missionaries to Korea are in the United States on furlough:

The Rev. Dalzell A. Bunker and Mrs. Annie (Ellers) Bunker, M. D., Sherman, N. Y.; the Rev. George Heber Jones and Mrs. Margaret (Bengel) Jones, 275 Dudley Avenue, Utica, N. Y.

PLACE EXHIBITS AT WORLD'S FAIR

Palace of Agriculture Formally Turned Over.

SKILLED LABORERS AT WORK

Word Sent to All Exhibitors to Ship Material Not Later Than February 1.

Installation of exhibits has commenced in all the big World's Fair palaces. The Palace of Agriculture has formally been turned over to the division of exhibits and it was accepted by Frederick W. Taylor, chief of the department of agriculture and horticulture.

At this time there is more activity in the Machinery Building than in any of the exhibit palaces. The huge machines which will supply power to the exposition and at the same time serve as exhibits of firms are being set in place. Several hundred skilled workmen are engaged in this installation.

Word has been sent to exhibitors in all parts of the United States and Canada to ship their material not later than February 1. Director of Exhibits F. J. V. Skiff says that it is of vital importance that the exhibits arrive on the grounds at as early a date as possible, so that they may be installed in time for the opening.

Exhibitors Warned. The division of exhibits of the World's Fair is urging all exhibitors to rush in their displays with the shortest possible delay. It is feared that the tendency of exhibitors to hold off until the last few weeks before the opening will cause a congestion at the Exposition grounds and in the East St. Louis terminals.

Every effort is being made to expedite installation. The division of exhibits, in its correspondence with exhibitors, is calling attention to certain sections of the rules and regulations. These sections are in the regulation and governing of awards and provide that in the system of marking, 10 percent is given for completion of installation at the opening of the Exposition.

An exhibitor who fails to have his displays ready on opening day loses this percentage. The judges being allowed no discretion in the premises. The fact is also being emphasized that the jury of awards may be appointed immediately after opening day, and that if this is done, only those exhibits will be considered for award which are ready at the time of the review by the jury, their incompleteness excluding them from competition with the other exhibits.

Shipments Few. Although December 1 was the date set for the reception of exhibits, but few shipments have arrived since that time. The facilities are at hand for taking care of any amount of freight, but exhibitors have been slow in sending the things they will display and in preparing their installation settings.

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Powerful Battleships Damaged by Japanese

Czarevitch and Retvizan Each Larger Than Any Vessel in United States Navy—Later Built by Cramps.

Two of the vessels which are reported damaged by the Japanese torpedoes are the most powerful battleships of the Russian navy. They are the Czarevitch and the Retvizan. They are smaller than the Japanese Mikasa, the Hatsuse, the Oosaki, and the Shikishima, of the Japanese navy, but both are larger than any ship of the United States Navy, and carry as heavy an armament as the Maine. The Pallada is a cruiser.

The Retvizan was built by the Cramps. Its measurements are as follows: Displacement, 12,700 tons; length, 374 feet; beam, 72.2 feet; draft, 25 feet; screws, indicated horse-power, 16,000; speed, 18 knots; guns, four 12-inch, twelve 6-inch rapid fire, forty-eight various; 750 men.

The Czarevitch is of French construction. Its displacement is 13,111 tons; length, 388.8 feet; beam, 75.2 feet; draft, 25 feet; screws, indicated horse-power, 16,300; speed, 18 knots; guns, four 12-inch, twelve 6-inch rapid fire, six torpedo tubes, forty-eight various; 750 men.

Pallada Measurements. The measurements of the Pallada are as follows: Displacement, 6,330 tons; length, 413.4 feet; beam, 55.8 feet; draft, 21 feet; screws, indicated horse-power, 11,610; speed, 20 knots; guns, six 6-inch rapid fire, twenty 2-inch, eight 14-inch four torpedo tubes.

The Retvizan is shielded with 3-inch Krupp plates constituting an armor belt extending two-thirds her length, and terminating at the athwartship bulkheads. The turrets are protected by steel from 5 to 10 inches in thickness, with a steel deck from 2 to 4 inches thick. The slopes of the deck descend to the lower edge of the belt, and the coal bunkers occupy the space between.

The normal coal capacity is 1,916 tons, but when necessary the ship can carry 2,500 tons. After she had been launched at the Cramp's shipyard, Philadelphia, the Retvizan had a speed test off the coast of Cape Cod on October 18, 1901, when she steamed for twelve hours at an average rate of 18.8 knots an hour.

The Czarevitch was built from the designs of M. Lavare, and was launched at the Foret et Chantiers de la Mediterranee at La Seyne, February 23, 1901. The armor belt of the Czarevitch is complete, consisting of steel 9.8 inches thick amidships at its upper edge and 6.6 inches at the lower. The space between the two armored decks is covered by a steel sheathing 8.8 inches thick. Nickel steel covers the uppermost and principal armored deck.

Two 12-inch and eight 6-inch guns are available for bow and stern fire, and the ship was built to use four 12-inch, six 6-inch, and half the other guns in a broadside. All the guns are trained and sighted by electrical apparatus.

The Pallada was built at St. Petersburg, where she was launched in 1899. She was built contemporaneously with the Diana and the Aurora. All are first-class cruisers.

Other Vessels. The Pallada is one of three battleships of identical dimensions, the others, now at Port Arthur, being the Petropoulovsk and the Sebastopol. She is of 10,650 tons, 11,330 horsepower, 17 knots speed, and has 5 and 10-inch armor. Her weight of broadside is 2,367 pounds. If she is disabled, the Russians have only four battleships left, the Oslavia having apparently not yet arrived in those waters. The other two, besides those mentioned, are the Peresviet and the Pobieda, which are larger and swifter than the Pallada, but of much lighter broadsides.

The Novig is in speed the crack cruiser of the Russian navy, making twenty-five knots an hour. This tremendous speed is secured by the use of 18,000 horsepower to drive her 3,000 tons displacement. She has practically no armor, and throws only 180 pounds of metal in a broadside.

The Varig is—or was, before her capture by the Japanese—the best "protection" cruiser in the whole Russian navy, for all around work. Her tonnage is 6,500, and her horsepower, 20,000, is the greatest used by any ship of any size or class under the Russian flag. Her speed is twenty-three knots. She has five inches of armor over her guns and throws 550 pounds in a broadside. The acquisition of such a vessel will materially strengthen the Japanese fleet, though she belongs to a class in which Japan was already twice as strong as Russia.

Matthews National Bank HAS CLOSED ITS DOORS

The Comptroller of the Currency has been advised of the closing of the First National Bank of Matthews, Ind. No information has been received on the cause of the failure.

National Bank Examiner William D. Frazer has been appointed receiver. The bank has resources of over \$133,000.

ARCHITECT TAYLOR LOOKS AT INJURED BUILDINGS

Supervising Architect Taylor, of the Treasury Department, is in Baltimore today, making an investigation of the condition of the new custom house and other Government buildings there.

It is expected a conclusion will be reached in a few days as to how much of the walls of the new custom house will have to be torn out and rebuilt.

WIFE BURIED AS ANOTHER WOMAN

Frank Greenwald's Long Search for an Iroquois Theater Victim Ends in Cemetery—Robbery Suspected.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—The long search of Frank R. Greenwald for the body of his wife, who lost her life in the Iroquois fire, has been rewarded. He has found the body buried at Elmwood as that of another woman. Mr. Greenwald identified the body by two rings still on the hand. The body was burned beyond recognition. Linked with the pathos of the long search is a story, if the theory of the police is true, of a robbery attempt to get possession of the body in order to obtain the money found on it.

Mrs. Greenwald's body was taken to an undertaking establishment, where it was numbered 34. The number was a duplicate, and on the other body numbered 34 was \$500. A man who said he came from Montreal, Canada, claimed body No. 34, saying that \$500 would be found on it. He secured a permit to take away this body, which, he said, was that of his aunt, a woman of fifty years of age. When he brought the permit to remove the body he found that it already had been identified as that of Mrs. Helen Miller, twenty-three years old.

On finding that he could not get the body of Mrs. Miller he took the other one, as his permit called for No. 34. This was the body of Mrs. Greenwald. He called an undertaker to care for the body and bury it.

The police have a good description of the Montreal man, and his arrest is expected. Greenwald's son also had been wrongly identified. He had been placed in a vault as Vernon Corbin. This mistake was discovered by Mr. Greenwald ten days after the fire.

UNKNOWN OLD MAN FOUND UNCONSCIOUS

An old man was picked up in a semi-conscious, rambling condition, this morning, as he was stumbling about the Eleventh Street wharf, and was sent to the Emergency Hospital. There he rallied sufficiently to say that he was W. C. Langan, eighty-six years of age, and that he lived at 701 Sixth Street northwest.

Since then he has told so many conflicting stories that nothing can be learned. It is supposed that he slipped and fell, striking on his forehead. The physicians diagnose his condition as shock.

IOWA ANTI-TRUST LAW NOT CONSTITUTIONAL

WATERLOO, Iowa, Feb. 13.—Judge Franklin C. Platt, of the district court, has declared the Iowa anti-trust law unconstitutional, and gives a decision in favor of the Illinois Central, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, and the Chicago Great Western railways, indicted by the Blackhawk grand jury on a charge of conspiring to fix the charges for car drageage.

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This handsome gold frame mirror, glass 18x19, bevel French plate, frame beautifully finished.

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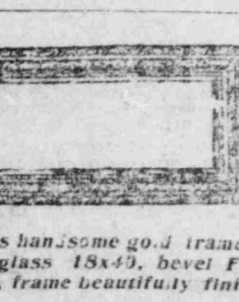
This 20-inch solid oak Parlor Table, turned legs, well made and nicely polished, worth \$1.50. Special.

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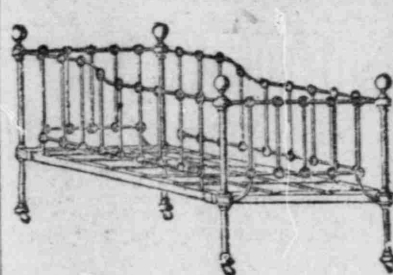


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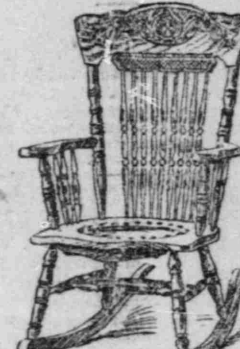


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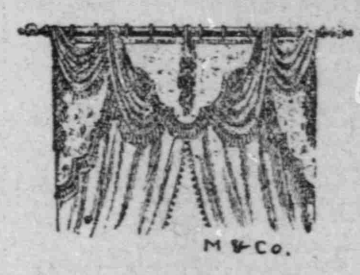


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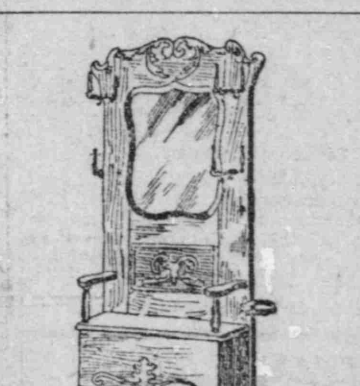


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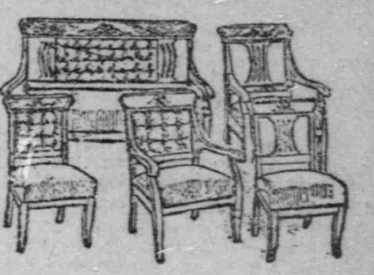


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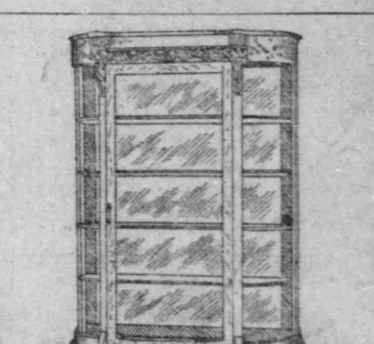


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